U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No. LINDE-616

First Inventor Gerhard LANGHANS et al.

Title PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR BIOLOGICAL TREAMTNET OF A SUSPENSION IN A BIOREACTOR WITH INTEGRATED HYDRAULIC TOP SCUM TREATMENT

Express Mail Label No. (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)) Assistant Commissioner for Patents APPLICATION ELEMENTS ADDRESS TO: **Box Patent Application** See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents. Washington, DC 20231 Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) 7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix) (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing) 2. 🔲 Applicant claims small entity status. 8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission See 37 CFR 1.27. (if applicable, all necessary) з. 🛛 a. Computer Readable Form (CRF) Specification [Total Pages 14 (preferred arrangement set forth below) Specification Sequence Listing on: - Descriptive title of the Invention i.
 ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or - Cross References to Related Applications ii. 🔲 paper - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D c.

Statements verifying identity of above copies - Reference to sequence listing, a table. or a computer program listing appendix **ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS** - Background of the Invention - Brief Summary of the Invention 9. 🔲 Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)) - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed) 10. 🔲 37 C.F.R.§3.73(b) Statement Power of - Detailed Description (when there is an assignee) - Abstract of the Disclosure 11. English Translation Document (if applicable) 4. 🔯 12. Information Disclosure Copies of IDS Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C.113) [Total Sheets Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations 5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 13. 🛛 Preliminary Amendment a. Newly executed (original or copy) 14. 🛛 Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d)) (Should be specifically itemized) (for a continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed) 15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) i. T DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (if foreign priority is claimed) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 16. 🔲 Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). or its equivalent. 6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 17. 🔲 Other: 18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76: ☐ Continuation □ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: _ Prior application information: Examiner_ Group / Art Unit: For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts. 17. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS or 🖂 Correspondence address below Customer Number or Bar Code Label 23*5*99

Name				
Address				
City		State	Zip Code	
Country		Telephone	Fax	
Name (Print/Type)	I. William Millen		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	19,544
Signature	09	- 11.	Date	December 23, 2003

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, OC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

100303